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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to the art cited with respect to PCT/EP99/01764 of which the current application is a US national application under 35 USC section 371.

The examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b), MPEP 1893.03(e) and MPEP 1893.03(g) and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications cited in this application which the examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies¹ of the documents listed thereon. These documents contain information which the examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent. Items 2-10, 12-13 and 15-16 are available from the PCT International Search Report.

¹ To the extent that a document is listed and no copy of same is attached, then such document is not at the present time available to the undersigned or is available in the file of a parent application. If a listed document is not in the English language and an English translation is readily available, such translation is also attached; if translation is not attached, it is not readily available to the undersigned. If a foreign language patent document is cited, and an English language equivalent is known to the undersigned, then such an equivalent patent is also cited on the attached form along with the corresponding foreign language patent and a connecting arrow indicated therebetween; if no such English language equivalent is cited then none is known to the undersigned.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b) it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in Applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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